



City of Chicopee, Massachusetts

Registrars of Voters

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TO: Mayor Michael D. Bissonnette

(copy of the minutes of the meeting)

December 10, 2009

Jacqueline DuBois, Chairperson of the Board of Registrars, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Present: Jacqueline DuBois, Alfred Kendall, Edward Rybak, Janina Surdyka

Minutes of the November 19, 2009 meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

Correspondence: Election Division – Veteran’s Bill Expanding Access to Street Listing Information
Election Division – Military and Overseas applications
Boston Election Department – Oversight in registrations received from the HeadCount Organization
US Census Bureau – New Construction Program

Motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to place correspondence on file and to consult with Engineering and Building Departments regarding addresses of new constructions to be submitted to the US Census Bureau.

Clerk’s Report: Department certified 194 applications for absentee ballots for the November 3, 2009 City Election and 198 for Special State Primary. The names of 11,250 voters who cast their ballot in the City Election were entered into the Central Voter Registry Network (required by MGL.)

Following is a count of the registered voters eligible to vote in the November 3, 2009 City Election:

W/P	Democrat	Republican	Libertarian	Unenrolled	Other	Total
Totals	14,440	3,653	113	15,736	68	34,010

and for the December 8, 2009 Special State Primary:

W/P	Democrat	Republican	Libertarian	Unenrolled	Other	Total
Totals	14,490	3,660	118	15,815	66	34,149

Registration statistics (including address and party affiliation changes) for the month of **November** are as follows:

Registered in the office	27
Received from the RMV	203
Registered by mail	26
Registered at public-assistance agencies	2
Received from other City/Town Halls	2
Deleted from voter registration roll (moved or deceased)	108

On November 18, the last day for voter registration, 9 residents registered at office, 7 by mail and 4 at RMV.

The department collected \$7,599.90 from passport applications since July 1 and spent \$16,472.91 for copier/printer/fax/scanner equipment, priority stamps, photo ink and paper. Additionally, \$7,500.00 was transferred to Special Services account. The present balance of this account is \$62,588.84.

Old Business: Clerk of the Board stated that the Department application for US Census Partnership program was approved and we will receive multi-lingual promotional materials to be handed out by our Census Takers.

New Business: Members of the Board considered conducting the Annual City Census. Motion was made, seconded and carried without opposition to hire the following individuals for canvassing Downtown and Willimansett area:

Robb Strycharz	Ward 7-B
Stephen Curylo	Ward 7-A
Jo Hastings Bineault	Ward 2-CS
Frances Baron	Ward 2-A

Rate of compensation will remain the same as last year.

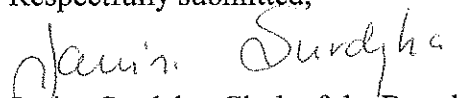
Proposals for printing and mailing census questionnaires for the remaining area were submitted by LHS & Associates, DLM & Associates and Copley Business Service. Based on the problems encountered last year with census forms printed by DLM (signature line missing), the members of the Board were in agreement to contract the services of LHS & Associates at the cost of \$0.19 per household.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to utilize our Public Libraries, ELD, COA and Collector's drop-off box as locations for accepting completed census questionnaires.

The next meeting of the Board was scheduled for 5:00 p.m. on December 30 for the purpose of registering new voters for the January 19, 2010 Special State Election.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Janina Surdyka, Clerk of the Board